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Susan Z. Kornetsky is the Director of Clinical Research Compliance at Children's Hospital in Boston. Her responsibilities include directing an IRB administrative office, educating principal investigators regarding IRB regulations, assisting investigators with protocol development, assuring institutional compliance with all federal and state regulations pertaining to human research and establishing appropriate policies and procedures. She is the past President of ARENA and an ex-officio board member of Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIMR). Kornetsky is vice-chair of the Council for Certification of IRB Professionals, which is establishing a certification program for IRB professionals. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP), a newly formed organization that is establishing an accreditation program for institutions with human subject protection programs.

Kornetsky serves on the faculty of "IRB 101," an educational effort to bring IRB training to individual institutions. She has presented to the Pediatric Advisory Subcommittee of the FDA on pediatric research issues, and has served as a consultant on an OPRR site visit team. Her current interests are in pediatric research, genetic research and differentiating between innovative therapy and research. She is also a member of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute IRB and New England Research Institute IRB.